



# Nature

## Frog Walk

(Ages: 5 yrs to Adult)

Bullfrogs "bellowing," pickerel frogs "snoring," cricket frogs "clicking," and more, on this memorable night hike! We'll enjoy a cacophony of sound along the lakeshore at Motts Reservoir as these spring frogs tune up...bound to be a perfect evening. Great for all amphibian enthusiasts—old and young alike. Just bring a flashlight and wear boots or shoes you can get muddy. (Family event—adults and kids both pay!)



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| 6332.301 | Fri, May 18 | 8:00pm-9:00pm |
| 6332.403 | Fri, Jun 1  | 8:15pm-9:15pm |

1 Session each

\$4 City and Non-City Resident

Motts Run Nature Center

Instructor: Linda Bailey

Registration begins: 4/17 City 4/24 Non-City



## Birding The Canal

(Ages: 8 yrs to Adult)

Join local birder and UMW biology professor, Andrew Dolby, for an early summer bird walk. Wake up with the birds and meet at Kenmore Memorial Park (old basketball court)! We'll make our way up the Canal path, looking for nesting songbirds and a few wetland species. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. This is a great program for adults and older kids (8+).

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| 6340.401 | Sat, Jun 9 | 7:30am-9:00am |
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1 Session

\$5 City and Non-City Resident per person

Memorial (Kenmore) Park

Instructor: Andrew Dolby

Registration begins: 4/17 City 4/24 Non-City

## Fishing for Kids!

(Ages: 6 to 16 yrs)

Kids - come to Motts Run Reservoir and learn to rig and bait your fishing line, cast and reel in your catch...and much more! Presented by Jim Schultz of the Weekend Basses's Fishing Club. Nothin' fishy about it! Wear shoes you can get wet. Bring your own gear if you have it...(or borrow ours!). Kids 12 and up may attend without parent.



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| 6248.307 | Fri, May 4  | 5:30pm-6:30pm |
| 6248.308 | Fri, May 11 | 5:30pm-6:30pm |
| 6248.309 | Fri, May 18 | 5:30pm-6:30pm |
| 6248.310 | Fri, May 25 | 5:30pm-6:30pm |

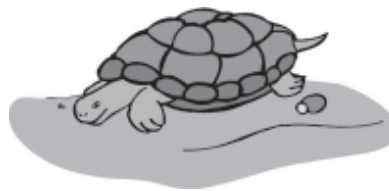
1 Session each

\$5 City and Non-City Resident per person

Motts Run Boat Landing

Instructor: Jim Schultz

Registration begins: 4/17 City 4/24 Non-City



## Flippers & Fins: Things That Swim!

(Ages: 4 to 13 yrs)

Oceans, ponds and swamps contain so many interesting creatures. In spite of the limitations, "Uncle Henry" will show and explain with live and mounted creatures, how animals survive in their underwater habitats. On board will be a live lobster, crabs, turtles, and other fauna to help kids appreciate the challenges these animals face. Everyone will enjoy Henry's entertaining info...just in time for your trip to the shore!

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| 6515.401 | Thur, Aug 23 | 10:00am-11:00am |
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1 Week Session

\$6 City and Non-City Resident per person (4-13 yr olds pay)

Dorothy Hart Community Center

Instructor: Henry Michaloski

Registration begins: 4/17 City 4/24 Non-City

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## Awesome Orienteering!

(Ages: 10 yrs to Adult)

Spend a spring afternoon learning the skills and adventure of orienteering! With map and compass in hand, we'll set out in search of hidden posts in the woods...who knows, we might even find a treat at the trail's end! Great fun for adults and kids alike—everyone pays. Excellent scouting opportunity. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather (layers recommended). Compasses provided. Bring water. (Minimum age 10)



6222.303 Wed, May 23 4:00pm-5:45pm  
1 Session

\$6 City and Non-City Resident per person

Motts Run Nature Center

Instructor: Linda Bailey

Registration begins: 4/17 City 4/24 Non-City

## Stars, Stories 'n S'mores

(Ages: 4 yrs to Adult)

Come gather around the campfire, under the big sky at Motts. We'll pull out the guitar for a few sing-along songs, check out the seasonal stars overhead, hear a tale or two and roast some marshmallow "s'mores!" Meet on down at the Motts Run Reservoir amphitheatre...bring a blanket or lawn chair or sit on our benches. Good old fashioned family fun...for kids 4 - 99 years young!



6521.400 Thur, Aug 9 8:00pm-9:00pm  
1 Session

\$4 City and Non-City Resident

Motts Run Nature Center

Instructor: Linda Bailey

Registration begins: 4/17 City 4/24 Non-City

## Outdoor Summer Camps are listed on page 33...

**Camp Wildwood  
Camp Hideaway  
Teen Adventure  
Survivor Camp**

Camp Registration begins: 4/17 for City Residents and 4/24 for Non-City Residents. Space is very limited for each camp! Pick up your registration form at the Dorothy Hart Community Center today!

## Sunset Canoe Float

(Ages: 6 yrs to Adult)

Enjoy a peaceful evening paddling the still waters of Motts Run Reservoir. We'll poke into coves and search the shoreline and open waters for beavers, bats, and osprey while the setting sun paints the sky. Fee includes canoe rental, instruction and delicious refreshments served afloat. Lifevest provided but bring your own if preferred. **ALL PARTICIPANTS PAY!!** Children must attend with adult, be **AT LEAST 6 years old** and able to sit quietly for 2 hours!



6110.402 Thur, Jun 28 7:30pm-9:30pm

6110.403 Fri, Aug 3 7:00pm-9:00pm

1 Session each

\$9 City and Non-City Resident per person

Motts Run Boat Landing

Instructor: Linda Bailey

Registration begins: 4/17 City 4/24 Non-City



## KIDS' FISHING DERBY

**at Motts Run Reservoir**

**Saturday, June 2, 2007**

**9am - Noon**

**(Raindate: June 3rd)**

**FREE! Ages 4 - 16 years**

**Fishing, boat rental, games prizes, vendors, hiking  
picnicking... fun for the entire family!**

REGISTER at the event (7:30am - 10:30am)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

For info., call Linda Bailey at 372-1086 x 213

Sponsored by Fredericksburg Parks  
& Recreation and the Weekend Bassers.

## Motts Run Reservoir Recreation Area

This 860-acre natural area including the 160-acre reservoir, is a haven for fishing, boating, canoeing, hiking and picnicking. It also serves the residents of Fredericksburg and parts of Spotsylvania County with drinking water. You may bring your own boat (**ELECTRIC MOTORS ONLY**) to launch on the lake, or fish from the banks. Fee charged for fishing and boat launching. No swimming, horseback riding, biking of any kind, or all-terrain vehicles permitted. The park has jon boats and canoes available for rental, picnic grills and tables, and over 4 miles of hiking trails.

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### Motts Run Nature Center

The Motts Run Nature Center is open to the public from Noon - 5pm, Saturdays and Sundays through

October. Come down and check out this lovely log cabin, packed full of fun, hands-on discoveries! Meet "Pocket" our live corn snake, borrow a field guide to look for birds or a net to search for water bugs. You can also try out the Motts Run Orienteering Course, get a map to our 5 miles of hiking trails... or just sit on the deck and enjoy the view! NEW: Turkey Ridge Nature Trail!



Interested in being a Nature Center Volunteer? Contact Linda Bailey at 372-1086, ext. 213. No experience necessary... just a love of nature!

### Orienteering Course at Motts Reservoir



Learning to use a map and compass together can be a challenge and also a thrilling experience. Our orienteering course seeks to be very user friendly, and if done successfully will provide great exercise and fun for the entire family.

This course was designed and built as an Eagle Scout Service Project by Zach Bailey (Troop 179) in the summer of 2003. It is patterned after the popular (and much larger) course at Prince William Forest Park. The project involved numerous trips on site with a GPS unit, developing corresponding maps and course layout, and finally construction of the orange topped posts which mark the course waypoints.

**LOCATION:** Orienteering Course is located at Motts Run Reservoir, located on River Road in Spotsylvania County, but owned & operated by the City of Fredericksburg.

**PARK HOURS:** 6am-Dusk, April through October. Park Phone: 540-786-8989. Please check in at concessions.

**Directions:** Rt 3 west from Fredb'g. Approx. 1 mile west of I-95, turn RIGHT onto Bragg Road (at Giant food store). Continue 1 mile. Turn LEFT onto River Rd. Park is 2.4 miles on LEFT. (You will wind along the Rappahannock River, past Clore Bros. Canoe Outfitters, then up steep hill. Park is another ½ mi. past crest of hill). Follow gravel road into park. Course begins near the Nature Center. Look for the orange-topped post behind port-a john, approx. 100 feet from center. This is STARTING POINT for all maps.

### NIGHT CATFISHING AT MOTTS RESERVOIR

Bring your gear for bankfishing after hours!  
Join us on Friday Nights,  
8:30pm to 1:00am

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| May 11       | June 8      |
| May 25       | July 13     |
| June 22      | August 10   |
| July 27      | September 7 |
| August 24    |             |
| September 21 |             |



No pre-registration required. For more information, call Don Minor at Motts after April 1st: 786-8989.



### Fifth Annual Earth Day at Alum Spring

Saturday, April 21, 2007  
11:00am - 3:00pm

FREE! Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy

- ☼ Music
- ☼ History & Wildflower Walks
- ☼ Environmental Booths with hands-on activities
- ☼ Group Games for Kids
- ☼ and MUCH MORE!!



#### Volunteers Needed!

EARTH DAY is co-sponsored by the City of Fredericksburg, the Friends of Alum Spring and the Rappahannock Sierra Club.

For more information: 372-1086, ext. 213